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REMARKS

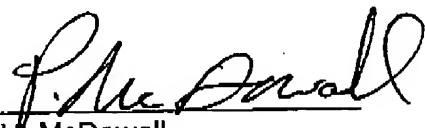
Applicants herewith tender this Preliminary Amendment canceling claim 9 without prejudice or disclaimer as to the subject matter thereof. Following entry of this Preliminary Amendment claims 1-8 and 10-18 remain pending examination on the merits. This Preliminary Amendment is offered as a matter of convenience as a desirable matter in the discretion of the Applicants. No presumption regarding this Amendment is intended and none should be inferred.

If there are any formal matters remaining after this Preliminary Amendment, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney to attend to these matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Date

19 April '04


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